

# Minuteman

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## Airshow 2001

The 94th Airlift Wing will host an Open House and Airshow May 19 and 20 at Dobbins Air Reserve Base. The event, Armed Forces Over Marietta, is free and open to the public.

Numerous flying demonstrations are scheduled to include the U.S. Navy Leap Frogs parachute team and a U.S. Air Force F-15 demonstration team. There will also be a variety of aircraft on static display including the F-4E, F-14, F-15E, F-16, F-18, F-117, S-3, P-38 (modified T-38), AV-8B, C-130H, C-130J, HC-130, WC-130J, AC-130, C-17, C-5, and many other aircraft and displays.

The gates are open from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. both days. Buses will shuttle airshow guests from the Lockheed-Martin parking lot located on South Cobb Drive. All attendees must park at Lockheed-Martin and take the shuttle to Dobbins. Military identification cards will not get visitors access to base parking. Handicapped persons will have special parking at Dobbins, but valid handicap information must be provided for entry through the main gate.

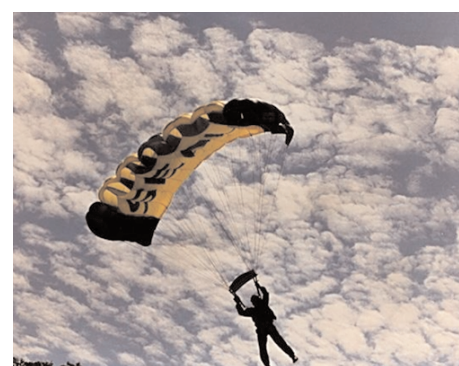
Vendors will offer a variety of foods at a minimal charge. No backpacks, no coolers, and no glass containers are allowed through gates.

For more information, call (770) 919-5055.



**Above: The F-117 will be on display during the May 19 - 20 Airshow.**

**Below: An F-15 demo team will be on of the many acts flying in this year s airshow.**



**Above: The U.S. Navy Leap Frog Parachute team will drop in on spectators at the open house and airshow.**

**Below: A C-141 like this one and many other aircraft will be on static display on the Dobbins ramp.**



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## Around the Wing



(Photo by Don Peek)

**By Col. Jim Glenn**  
94th Airlift Wing, vice commander

We in the Air Force Reserve Command have experienced a truly remarkable change in the way we do business during the past 16 years that I have served in the Reserve. We are now a full-time partner in the total force with commitments that exceed levels any of us from the "old reserves" would ever thought possible. This commitment places many strains on our program and our people. Many come from changes in processes in our daily business practices. We have many "big picture" changes such as aging aircraft, lack of spare parts, aging vehicles, and facilities in need of repair. But two changes I would like to discuss are IMPAC and government travel cards. Both of these new processes are major changes in the way we do business.

The IMPAC card seems to be an avenue to support the unit with an easy and streamlined method for purchasing supplies and some equipment for the unit. It has done many good things for us but it has some constraints that must be managed and supervised to preclude misuse or violations of the Air Force Instructions. Before you use the IMPAC card on a purchase that is not a routine use of the card, check the AFI and make sure you are authorized to purchase the item with IMPAC or if other paperwork must be completed to authorize the purchase with the IMPAC card. I urge each unit com-

mander to empower their resource advisors to be the unit experts on the use of the IMPAC card and unit supply funds to ensure compliance on fiscal management. Remember just because you have a credit card or checks in the checkbook, does not mean you have funds to cover the charge.

The government travel card is another process that has streamlined our system but brought some difficulties with it as well. The government travel card is the required method of payment for a number of items while in a travel status (room fees, airline tickets and rental cars) and split disbursement on the travel voucher is a truly helpful method to lessen potential problems with overdue payments. When you receive your voucher using split disbursement make sure the voucher reflects that the correct amount of money was sent to the Bank of America. The most common problems we encounter today are misuse and failure to pay the bill in a timely manner. Each of you with a government travel card need to understand that your unit monitor can and will periodically look at every purchase you make on the card on an almost real-time basis. As soon as a charge is posted to your account it is open for the unit to check. Additionally, if a charge might be suspect, Bank of America will notify your unit monitor to look at the charge. The commander's efforts to correct the overdue payment problem is currently the highest recurring discipline action and time consuming event our unit commanders face each UTA. If you have filed your travel voucher and have not received payment (again I recommend and personally use split disbursement to pay my travel card charges) then the lateness is an issue that can be remedied if you follow these guidelines. You must notify Bank of America of awaiting payment of your travel voucher and as soon as payment is received you must correct the problem. You must contact your unit APC to ensure the unit knows the delay in payment reason. You should contact the travel section to ensure the voucher is being processed and when it will payout. Unfortunately, a number of individuals each month fall into the category of having received travel voucher payments but failed to pay their Bank of America bill. This can adversely affect your career up to and including discharge. It can also have a long-term effect on your

personal credit rating. Remember, currently travel to the UTA is not government travel. This is an easy mistake to make but still misuse of the card. I ask you to think before you use your government travel cards and to do so wisely.

Both of these programs, IMPAC and Bank of America government travel card, have the potential to make funds management easier, but only if used properly.

## Top-Three Connection



(Photo by Don Peek)

**By Master Sgt. Ron Little**  
94th Services Squadron, first sergeant

In October 1992, the 94th Services Squadron merged with Morale, Welfare, and Recreation, separating from the 94th Civil Engineer Squadron. Through that transition, our unit overcame many obstacles that transformed us into what we are today. And one of the challenges we've faced and met is resource management, especially in the food preparation section.

Managing resources in 94th Services is ensuring that we have the people, supplies, and equipment to meet our mission needs. We have a unique mission and that is to feed our reservists during unit training assemblies. At 4:30 a.m., while most of us are still asleep, our people are already at work, preparing breakfast. Then, the next shift comes in to help with lunch and plan the evening meal. It's almost an around-the-clock operation

and we have to plan for our people, their time, food supplies, and for equipment, especially when we're cooking in the field.

Planning for these meals begins with ordering food, storing it, and then preparing it in a timely manner so it's ready to serve. To further manage our resources, we have back-up items for shortages. You can't always predict if chicken or hamburger will be favored on a certain day. We also do program cooking where we monitor food supplies and react to shortages so that we do not run out of an item on the line.

We won the Air Force Reserve Command's Hennessy Award in 1998 for our professional standards. That was great recognition for such a deserving unit. We credit that success to teamwork and that's one of the most important parts of resource management. When one person can't be here, someone else will fill in. We work together to reach our goals.

Our goal as a unit is to provide good customer service to our internal and external customers, including the necessities of military life — food, shelter, morale and fitness. Along with meeting mission requirements, we must meet individual and unit-training requirements. This is a Reserve-wide challenge of getting training and at the same time meeting mission requirements. Our Consolidated Club helps us meet that challenge by serving reservists on the weekend.

We use the free weekend to catch up on maintenance of our M-2 burners, immersion heaters and mobile field kitchen. Working with fire requires extra training and extra safety measures and is one of our top priorities in managing people and equipment.

The men and women of the 94th Services Squadron come from all walks of life. For example, we have law enforcement, IRS employees, a district attorney, teachers, programmers, nurses, and even a rap performer and music producer. Without their efforts, commitment and support, we certainly have a more difficult time in managing resources.

I always emphasize the importance of our people excelling and accomplishing their goals. There's nothing more rewarding to me than to see our people become the best at what they do and move on with their military and civilian careers.

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## Key issue: Resource management key to readiness



**By Maj. Gen. James E. Sherrard III**  
chief of Air Force Reserve  
and commander of Air Force Reserve Command

*Editor's Note: The following is part two in a three-part series on the Air Force Reserve's key issues for 2002 - people, readiness and modernization.*

The men and women of the Air Force Reserve Command continue to be key players in our nation's involvement around the world and at home. In daily support of the Air Force mission and Expeditionary Aerospace Force, reservists can be found at work on - or over - every continent in the world.

The greater our participation, the broader our experience base becomes. Reserve skills become sharpened with use, and we are better able to serve the nation.

Readiness is nothing new to us. We have demonstrated our readiness for years, responding, mission-ready, on short-notice, exactly as advertised. However, we must closely monitor our resources in this era of aging aircraft and constrained budgets to preserve our current readiness through:

**Proper resource allocation:** Congress has expressed concern that the reserve components are assuming additional missions without additional resources - facilities, equipment, funds and personnel. This issue becomes increasingly important as the country places more reliance on the reserve components. We are eager to assume new missions and taskings but must receive the accompanying funds and personnel.

**Military construction:** To recruit, train and retain the best and brightest, the Air Force Reserve must have adequate, modern facilities. Without proper facilities, the Reserve would experience a long-term degradation of readiness due to reduced recruiting and retention of personnel who would not want to work or train in inadequate facilities. A few dollars spent on military construction now will provide future dividends. (AFRC News Service)

## Annual breakfast helps keep the faith

By Senior Airman David Atchison  
Public Affairs

"Can you see God in the face of your adversaries," this was the question posed by guest speaker, James E. Victor, Jr., at the 2001 National Prayer Breakfast.

The prayer breakfast is a tradition observed by the Senate and House of Representatives since 1942. For the Air Force, its purpose is to assemble service members in recognition of the moral and spiritual values our country was founded upon.

Helping reservists at Dobbins ARB raise their spiritual awareness, Victor spoke about discipline and the value of holding religious principles in war.



**James E. Victor, Jr. speaks about discipline and the value of holding religious principles in war** (Photo by Senior Airman Michelle Stevenson)

"Often times, we fail to see the humanity in those unlike us," said Victor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, in Atlanta. Victor's address elaborated on being able to see the humanity in the worst of offenders as an important part of overcoming the "human paradox."

The human paradox refers to the wants and needs of the body, temporary, and the will of the human spirit, eternal. Rage and anger, some of the feelings associated with war, often cloud the judgment of service members and make them lose sight of the ultimate objective: win-



**Brig. Gen. William P. Kane, 94th Airlift Wing commander, presents guest speaker James E. Victor, Jr., a plaque as a thank you for his support of the 2001 Prayer Breakfast.** (Photo by Senior Airman Michelle Stevenson)

ning. When one has overcome the human paradox they can focus on the task and not be hindered by outside factors, said Victor.

Other highlights included a brief history and recitation of the National Anthem by retired Col. Clarence Young, a reading of biblical scripture by Chief Master Sgt. Dianne Dawston-Hudson and Senior Master Sgt. Terry Hood. The breakfast was concluded with a presentation for the guest speaker from Brig. Gen. William P. Kane, 94th Airlift Wing commander.

## Honor Guard assist in returning 21 killed in C-23 crash

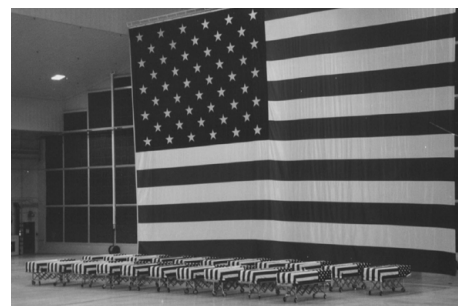
On March 6, members of the 94th Airlift Wing Honor Guard participated in their most difficult heart-wrenching ceremony, returning home 21 men who lost their lives in the C-23 crash. Eleven members from Dobbins, along with members from the 78th Air Base Wing Honor Guard, pulled together forming teams of pallbearers, flag bearers and a cordon to send the victims' on their final flight.

As the hangar door opened, four Air Force blue hearses prepared to make their way into the hangar where 21 caskets, each draped with the nations' flag, were waiting. As the hearses moved slowly from the hangar to the waiting aircraft, they formed a diagonal line. Four teams of six pallbearers, marched in perfect cadence from the C-17 ramp to the vehicles and with quiet dignity carried each



**From left to right: Senior Airman Chad Beaver, Senior Airman Angela Steger, Staff Sgt. Rick Berghult, Airman First Class Deserie Jackson, Airman First Class Latesha Bax, Senior Airman Bruce See, Jr.**

victim past the saluting cordon up into the aircraft. The hearses and Honor Guard repeated their slow and precise process until all victims were boarded. A solemn silence embraced the inside of the aircraft, as the 21 members who served their country were readied to go home.



**Twenty-one flag-draped caskets wait to be returned home.**

## Color Guard faces busy schedule

The month of March was also memorable for the Color Guard as members participated in 12 ceremonies around the base and throughout the community.

Members were able to relive history after presenting colors for the quarterly meeting of Atlanta's World War II Round Table at the 57th Fighter Group Restaurant. Speaker Maj. Gen. Joel B. Paris, a retired P-40N and P-38 fighter pilot with nine confirmed kills, delivered a colorful and enlightening speech on "A Fighter's View of the Air War in the Southwest Pacific". Paris's decorations included the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart, Air Medal with 7 Oak Leaf Clusters and the Air Force Commendation Medal.





# Exercise prepares Dobbins for future deployments

By Senior Airman Micky Cordiviola  
Public Affairs

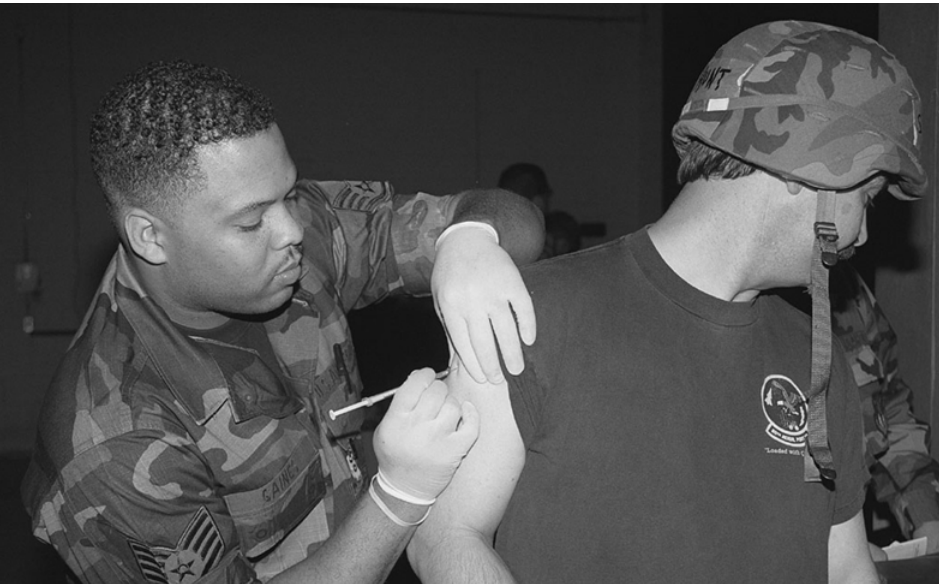
Many units at Dobbins participated in an Operational Readiness Exercise on April 7. This exercise involved loading seven C-130s with personnel and cargo within a certain amount of time. The hangar in building 838 provided space for briefings and waiting areas before boarding the planes. Tables were set up for the personnel to visit each station and update or receive any missing items necessary to deploy.

“Our last ORE took place two years ago,” said Senior Master Sgt. Steve Winn, 94th Airlift Wing Plans. “The difference between this exercise and the one that took place a couple of years ago is that we are using the Log MOD TG version 4. The Log MOD TG version 4 is a computer program that enables us to input information into the network server which is connected to Maxwell-Gunter Annex. The personnel at Gunter are able to view our information as soon as we input it.”

Before Log MOD TG version 4 all the information concerning the exercise needed to be written on paper.

“All the units have Log MOD capabilities and can input vital exercise information into the system,” said Winn. “This enables the exercise to go much faster. The system is land driven and if it goes down the units must revert back to recording information on paper.”

While planning for the exercise consisted of many months of tedious details, the execution only took one day. Among some of the units involved in the exercise were the 94th Plans, 94th Civil Engineer Squadron, 94th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, 94th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, 628th Civil Engineer Flight, 80th Aerial Port Squadron, 94th Airlift Control Flight and Griffin Services.

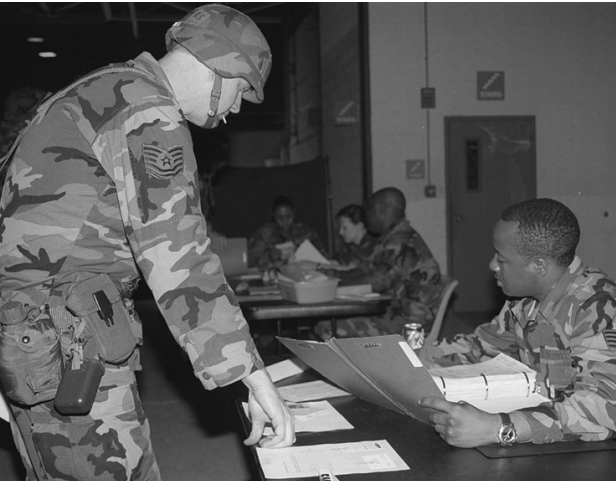


A sometimes dreaded part of the processing, members had to get shots prior to boarding the C-130. (Photo by Senior Airman Michelle Stevenson)



Far Right: Some deploying reservists were required to carry their weapons for the exercise.

Above: A K-Loader is secured with all the baggage and supplies necessary for the simulated deployment. (Photos by Senior Airman Michelle Stevenson)



Above: Processing through the line was one of the many tasks participants in the ORE had to encounter.

Right: Don Peek, Griffin Services, ties down straps on the baggage pallets to be loaded onto a C-130. (Photos by Senior Airman Michelle Stevenson)





# May UTA Schedule

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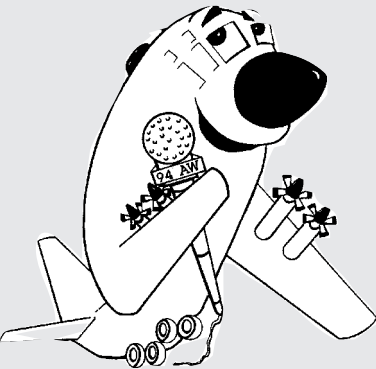
## Saturday, May 5

TIME	ACTIVITY (OPR)	LOCATION
0700-0830	OPEN RANKS/SIGN IN (CC)	UNIT ASGND
0730-0800	WING ELEMENT STAFF MTG	BLDG 838/RM 1202
0730-0900	NEWCOMERS INTRO	BLDG 838/WCR
0730-1600	COMBAT ARMS TRAINING	SFS RANGE
0800-0900	HEARING CONSERV (REFRESHER)	BLDG 922/CONF RM
0830-1130	OUTPROCESSING BRIEF(DMPA)	BLDG 838/RM 2304
	0830-REASSIGNMENTS	
	0930-TDY (>30 DAYS)/SCHOOL TOURS	
	1030-RETIREMENTS	
0900	WING COMMANDER'S CALL	FUEL CELL HANGAR
0900-1500	NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION	BLDG 838/RM 1202
0900-1100	NBCWD TNG (REFRESHER TNG)	BLDG 838/RM 1322
0930-1030	OJT MGRS MTG (DPMT)	BLDG 838/TNET RM
1000-1100	PCIII WORKERS GP	BLDG 827/RM 208B
	(OCT/JAN/APR/JUL)	
1100-1200	FIRST SERGEANTS GP MTG	94 MXS/BLDG 744
1300	OCCUPATIONAL PHYSICALS	NAVY CLINIC
1300-1500	CDC EXAMS	BLDG 838/RM 2304
1300-1500	NBCWD TNG (REFRESHER TNG)	BLDG 838/RM 1322
1500-1600	DEPLOYMENT MGRS MTG	BLDG 838/WCR
1600	RETREAT (CC) UNIT: 94 MSS	BLDG 922/FRONT

## Sunday, May 6

TIME	ACTIVITY (OPR)	LOCATION
0645-0730	OPEN RANKS/SIGN IN (CC)	UNIT ASGND
0730	PHYSICAL EXAMS (AIRCREW)	NAVY CLINIC
0730-1600	COMBAT ARMS TRAINING	SFS RANGE
0800-1100	IMMUNIZATIONS	NAVY CLINIC
0800	PHYSICAL EXAMS (NON-AIRCREW)	NAVY CLINIC
0800-1200	MASK FITTING UNIT: 94ASTS	BLDG 838/RM 1322
0900-1000	YELLOW FEVER SHOTS	NAVY CLINIC
0900-1030	OUTPROCESSING BRIEF(DPMSA)	BLDG 922/RM 205
	0900-REASSIGNMENTS	
	1000-TDY (>30 DAYS)/SCHOOL TOURS	
	1100-RETIREMENTS	
0900-1200	CDC EXAMS	BLDG 838/RM 2304
1000	IG COMPLAINTS	BLDG 838/RM 2105
1000-1030	ENL ADVISOR COUNCIL MTG (SEA)	BLDG 838/WCR
1000-1100	30-DAY RECORD REVIEW	BLDG 838/RM 1202
1130	CMDR'S WORKING LUNCH	COM (MARIETTA RM)
1300-1400	UNIT DP REP MOBILITY TNG (CEX)	BLDG 838/RM 1322
1300-1400	FLYING SAFETY	BLDG 727/700 AS
1300-1500	IMMUNIZATIONS	NAVY CLINIC
1300-1400	FLYING SAFETY	BLDG 727/700 AS
1300-1600	MEO EO-2000 TRAINING (SA)	BLDG 838/RM 1202
1315-1400	SUPERVISOR SAFETY TNG	BLDG 744/
	(MAR/JUN/SEP/DEC)	2ND FL TNG RM
1400-1500	UNIT CCD REP (TTT) TNG (CEX)	BLG 838/RM 1322
1500-1600	NEWCOMERS MTG (94AW/CC)	CONSOL OPEN MESS
	(APR/JUL/OCT/JAN)	

## Herk Wonders



### What did your mother say when you told her that you were joining the military?

“My mother supported my decision because it was something she always wanted to do.”

**Capt. Janice Ivery,**  
94th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, clinical nurse

“When I left, she cried. Later, she said it was okay as long as it wasn’t the Marines.”

**Staff Sgt. Quovadas Tyson,** 94th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, medical material helper

“My mother said, ‘Byron, please don’t go!’ After we discussed our situation at home, she backed my decision 100 percent.”

**Staff Sgt. Byron C. Matthews,** CSAB 1/171 Aviation, petroleum sergeant

“She woke me up the night before I left and said, ‘No, you can’t go. I’ll pay for college!’”

**Staff Sgt. Barry Greeson,** 80th Aerial Port Squadron, ramp services

“She cried. She wanted me to go to college. After 10 1/2 years of active duty, she finally accepted this.”

**Tech. Sgt. Fredonia Clayton,** 80th Aerial Port Squadron, special cargo handler

“She said, ‘Great!’ My dad was a member of the Air Force security police.”

**Maj. Karen Helms,** 94th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, clinical nurse



## For the mamas and the papas

Have you thought of Mother's and Father's Day gifts yet? If not, then the Consolidated Club has got the perfect gift for your loved ones. A buffet held in their honor! On May 13, a Mother's Day buffet will be held and on June 17, a Father's Day buffet will be held, both at the Consolidated Club. Member's price is \$12.95, children 4-13 are \$6 and children under 4 eat free. For reservations or more information contact the Consolidated Club at (770) 919-4594.

## Enhance your career

Any service member with NATO planning responsibilities or who is subject to deployment to a NATO area of responsibility is eligible for the NATO Staff Officer Orientation Course. Classes will be held at the Conference Center at Robins Air Force Base, Ga., and are tailored for Reserve forces to provide an overview of NATO strategy, organization, operation and future. Space is limited and the application deadline is June 15. For more information, contact Lt. Col. Kenyon at DSN 497-1251 or commercial (478) 327-1251, email at Allen.Kenyon@afrc.af.mil or fax DSN 497-1089 or commercial (478) 327-0189.

## Ensure your investments

When it comes to Service Member's Group Life Insurance, completing the election form correctly is as important as the size of the benefit. With the maximum SGLI coverage set at \$250,000, headquarters Air Force Reserve Command Judge Advocate lawyers are concerned about the people who either indicate no SGLI bene-

ficiary or select the "by law" option. The best way to ensure the proceeds are paid to the intended beneficiaries is to specifically name them on the form. If not, strict interpretation of beneficiary definitions in the SGLI statute may result in payment inconsistent with the service member's intent. Reviewing wills and insurance documents, including SGLI, every couple of years or whenever family circumstances change, such as after a divorce or when a child is born is the best policy. Make sure these legal documents are up to date and correct are something military members can do for their families.

## Timeless wisdom

Junior officers, here is your chance to learn leadership skills from some of the Air Force's best. Starting June 14 the 512th Airlift Wing's Company Grade Officer's Council presents the 2001 Junior Officer Leadership Development Seminar. This year's theme will be "Leadership — Past, Present and Future." Special guests include Brig. Gen. Betty Mullis — first woman Air Force commander. For enrollment and more information, check <http://www.dover.af.mil/512aw/jolds/joldshome3.htm>. Or call Capt. Lora Graziosi at DSN 445-5124 or email her at [Lora.Graziosi@Dover.af.mil](mailto:Lora.Graziosi@Dover.af.mil).

## EMALL is coming

Base suppliers will no longer stock items that are not particular to the C-130 system. There will be a new system on the web, EMALL, that members will be able to order supplies off of, similar to the shopping network. For more information, contact Willie Young, base customer liaison, in Base Supply at (770) 919-5015.

## Never forget

The "Vietnam Moving Wall", a 263-foot replica of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington D.C., will be displayed in Tallapoosa, Ga., from May 2 thru May 8, at the Tallapoosa Elementary School. The exhibit features 58,000 names and will be viewable 24 hours a day. There will be a special ceremony at the wall on May 5 at 2 p.m. to honor those whose names are on the wall. Tallapoosa is located 50 miles west of Atlanta on Interstate I-20 at exit 5, and is 40 miles south of Rome on Georgia Highway 100.

## Find money

Finding money and putting your money to work just got a whole lot easier. The Bureau of Public Debt launched a new website called Treasury Hunt. The site makes it easier for people to find out if they may have a matured savings bond that the postal service couldn't deliver or an interest payment that was returned to Public Debt. Customer privacy is protected by encrypted communications and a follow-up process to assure payment or holdings information is disclosed only to the bond owner. Investors can go to <http://www.savingsbonds.gov> and click on the Treasury Hunt link.

## Family Readiness

Family Readiness continues to visit units to assist members with their personal readiness plan. Members complete the items on their personal affairs checklist and keep the items in a personal affairs packet. Family members should always know where the packet containing items such as wills and powers of attorney,

insurance policies, birth and marriage certificates, and bank account numbers are located.

Additional Family Readiness Volunteer spouses are needed for our unit family support groups. The volunteers are trained to assist the unit families at times of major mobilization. Each unit should have at least five volunteers for their family support group.

For more information, contact J. Ealy Ritter at (770) 919-5004. If out of the Atlanta area call toll free (888) 436-2246, ext. 9-5004.

## Congratulations

The outstanding performers in the 94th Mission Support Squadron for Oct.2000 - March 2001 are Patrice Starks and Staff Sgt. Tharis Ward. Great job and keep up the good work.

## GLOWMOBILE schedule

The Georgia license on Wheels (GLOWMOBILE) will be in the Base Exchange parking lot, Building 530, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the following dates:

Thursday Aug. 2, 2001

Thursday Nov. 1, 2001

This schedule is subject to change. For more information, contact Bobby Price at (770) 919-4830.

## Club and lodging now hiring

The Dobbins Consolidated Club is now hiring. Wait staff \$8.47 hour.

Food service worker \$7.88 hour.

The Dobbins Inn is now hiring.

Custodial worker \$6.94 hour.

For more information, contact Missy Bozeman at (770) 919-4797.

# Leave and earnings information available on the web

**By Master Sgt. Stan Coleman**  
*Public Affairs*

**T**echnology has provided the means to move and access information more quickly and accurately than any previous period in history. We value information, but we value our security and privacy even more — especially when it comes to our finances.

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service provides the means for civilian and military members — active and reserves, to access personal financial information in a secure electronic environment. This environment is the Employee Member Self Service User Information system.

The system is also available to military retirees and military annuitants.

The system allows you to update or change your federal tax information, allotments, net pay and electronic funds transfer information. You can also make corre-

spondence or home address changes.

At present only civilian employees and active and reserve Marine Corps members can view their leave and earnings statements via E/MSS. Air Force, Army, and Navy service members will have this capability later this year.

The requirement for access through E/MSS is a personal identification number to access the system via the website at <https://emss.dfas.mil>.

E/MSS can also be accessed by calling the Interactive Voice Response System at (877) DoD-EMSS (1-877-363-3677) or (912) 757-3119. For security reasons, don't use your cellular phone to access the IVRS.

To acquire your PIN contact the E/MSS Customer Support Unit at (800) 390-2348 or the commercial number, (216) 522-5122, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. eastern standard time, Monday through Friday. The Defense Switch Network number is 580-5122.

Security for the E/MSS is provided by an 128-bit encryption and secure socket layer technology. Only your

combination of PIN and Social Security Number provides access to your pay data.

To access E/MSS using your personal computer, you will need to have one of the following Internet browsers, which support the security of system: Netscape Navigator 3.0, 4.01 or higher; Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.0 or higher or Netscape Communicator.

E/MSS replaces the process of submitting paper forms and waiting for a change to be processed. Currently, you still have the option of submitting pay changes using the paper process.

After acquiring a PIN to use E/MSS, you can have it disabled by calling the previous 800 number or commercial telephone number. For additional information regarding E/MSS, visit the DFAS web site at <http://www.dfas.mil>.

Future enhancements to the E/MSS will include the ability to make state tax changes; the ability to start, stop, or change savings bonds, and the ability to view and print your wage and tax statement (W-2 form).



# May Fitness 2001

The Dobbins ARB fitness center invites you to participate in Air Force May Fitness 2001, the 16th annual May Fitness Month - Get fit and have a ball!

During 2001, fitness centers worldwide will encourage Air Force personnel to make fitness a regular part of their daily lives. Each base will conduct special events and programs during May and a worldwide fitness run is planned during Armed Forces Week, May 3-19.

"May Fitness Month continues to be one of our major events," explained Jess Holcomb, Dobbins Air Reserve Base Chief of Services. "We will conduct both fitness and sports events to attract newcomers to the fitness center. Their efforts may make them eligible for the Grand Prize — a trip for four to the Brickyard 400 in Indianapolis."

The program, sponsored in part by Gatorade, will use stamp cards where participants accrue points to earn an incentive prize and eligibility for the grand prize.

"Here at Dobbins, we're working on special fitness events during May, such as a Mini-Triathlon from May 1- 4, the infamous King Kong Climb May 7 - 11, our lunch time Fun Run/Walk for fitness on May 16, and our cycle across America May 21 - 25," said Holcomb.

May Fitness Month events are designed for all ages, but individuals must be at least 18 years old to be eligible for prizes. For more information, contact Fred Engel at (770) 919-4870 or Larry Dudley at (770) 919-4872. No federal endorsement of sponsorship is intended.

# Outstanding Airman and NCO awards

When submitting Airman and NCO awards packages, keep the following information in mind.

The purpose of award: An effective retention program must provide a means to identify and recognize outstanding members who have made a significant contribution to the 94th Airlift Wing. Awards are an important aid in developing leadership.

Responsibilities: Any level of supervision can submit a member for consideration. The unit commander and group commander will review, indorse, and forward nominations to 94 AW/CCC, Command Chief Master Sgt. James Woods. A three-member board with a Chief Master Sgt./Senior Master Sgt. as chairperson will review the nominations and select the quarterly/yearly winner.

The Command Chief Master Sgt. issues administrative guidance with regard to awards policy and procedures, receives and reviews nomination packages for regularly compliance, establishes and convenes selection board as required to consist of three non-commissioned officers (voting members) of equal or higher rank than the individual being considered, provides a recorder (non-voting member) for the selection board, prepares congratulatory letters to the selectees for the Wing Commander's signature.

Submission: Nomination letter including the indorsements must be no more than two pages. Use the whole person concept and include community involvement.

### Nomination schedule:

Submission Date (Friday before UTA)	Board Meets	Quarter
April	April UTA	Jan - Mar
July	July UTA	Apr - Jun
October	October UTA	Jul - Sep
January	January UTA	Oct - Dec

NOTE: The Outstanding Airman and NCO of the year is selected from the quarterly selectees.

For more information and a sample format for submitting nominees, see 94 AWI 36-2801, 15 February 1997.

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## Newly Assigned

- Lt. Col. Henry Darienzo
- Maj. Michael A. Baxter
- Maj. John B. Hanson
- Maj. Jeffrey J. Tousignant
- Capt. Kiesha R. Brown
- Capt. David Ferguson
- 2nd Lt. Tammy L. Guthmiller
- Master Sgt. Charles Lee
- Tech. Sgt. Samuel L. Farmer
- Tech. Sgt. Melvin A. Jones
- Staff Sgt. Ricky McDaniel
- Staff Sgt. Brian Phillips
- Staff Sgt. Patrick E. Thompson
- Senior Airman Rohn L. Barnhill
- Senior Airman Matthew C. Ellington
- Senior Airman Denis A. Fidel
- Senior Airman Ruth A. Pinkney
- Senior Airman Dennis E. Riggins
- Airman 1st Class Diantha B. Ashford
- Airman 1st Class Michael E. Carver Jr.
- Airman 1st Class Quinzavious Trice



It doesn't have wings, but like C-130s, this Norfolk Southern Railroad locomotive delivers the goods. Brig. Gen. William Kane (left), commander, 94th Airlift Wing accepted an offer from Chief Master Sgt. James Duke's employer to take a ride during last year's Employer's Day. Duke, (right) accompanied Kane on a ride from Atlanta to Rome, Ga.



Chief Master Sgt. John Cowman has his new Chief's stripes pinned on by his wife, Chris Englemann (left), and his father, John Cowman, Sr., during a promotion ceremony last month. Cowman is the first chief master sergeant in recent history to be assigned to the 700th Airlift Squadron. He said, Obtaining the chiefs rank has always been one of my goals and it's a proud moment for me. (Photo by Senior Airman Michelle Stevenson)

# Air Force dedicates May to military spouses

The Air Force has designated May as the official recognition month of our military spouses. It is a time to say thank you for all the sacrifices, support, and dedication our families have given to us during time spent with the military. The 94th Airlift Wing Family Readiness program continues to recruit military spouses to be members of the unit's family support group program. The FSG members are being trained to assist other families at the time of mobilization and deployment. For more information on FSGs, contact the Family Readiness program at (770) 919-5004.

### "The Military Spouse"

The good Lord was creating a model for military spouses and was into his sixth day of overtime when an Angel approached. She said, "Lord, you seem to be having a lot of trouble with this one. What's the matter with the standard model?"

The Lord replied, "Have you seen the specs on this order? This spouse has to be completely independent. Possess the qualities of both father and mother. Be a perfect hostess to four or forty with an hour's notice. Run on black coffee. Handle every emergency imaginable without a manual. Be able to carry on cheerfully, even if she's pregnant or he has the flu, and she must be willing to move 10 times in 17 years. Oh yes, and she must have six pairs of hands."

The Angel shook her head. "Six pairs of hands? No way."

The Lord continued, "Don't worry, we will make other military spouses to help her. And, we will give them an unusually strong heart so it can swell with pride in their spouses achievements, sustain the pain of separations, beat soundly when it's over worked and be humble enough to say, 'I understand,' when they don't and say, 'I love you, regardless.'"

The Angel circled the model of the military spouse, looked at it closely and sighed, "It looks fine, but it's too soft."

"It may look soft," replied the Lord, "but it has the strength of a lion. You would not believe what she can endure."

Finally, the Angel bent over and ran her fingers across the cheek of the Lord's creation. "There's a leak," she announced. "Something is wrong with the construction. I am not surprised that is has cracked. You are trying to put too much into this model."

The Lord appeared offended at the Angel's lack of confidence. "What you see is not a leak", he said. "It's a tear".

"A tear? What is it there for?" asked the angel.

The Lord replied, "It's for joy, sadness, pain, disappointment, loneliness, pride, and a dedication to all the values that the spouse of the military member holds dear."

"You are a genius!" exclaimed the Angel.

The Lord looked puzzled and replied: "I didn't put it there."



# Memorial service held for 94th AES reservist

**By Master Sgt. Stan Coleman**  
Public Affairs

It is not the length of life, but depth of life. — Ralph Waldo Emerson

On Sunday, of the April drill weekend, members of the 94th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron celebrated the life and memory of the late Staff Sgt. Toinette Denise Lowe, health management services journeyman.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin McCray of Norfolk, Va., the

parents of Lowe, along with other family members, guests, and members of the 94th Airlift Wing attended the memorial service in tribute to the “sweet spirit” and service of the late reservist.

“We will always remember her warm smile and pleasant personality,” said Master Sgt. Ken Ward, 94th AES first sergeant. “She never complained of her health. There was always a sweet spirit about her.”

Lowe joined the 94th AES in February 1997. Her awards included an Excellence Award with one oak leaf

cluster for organizational excellence, the Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. Her active-duty and reserve participation spanned 10 years.

Her health condition forced her to be placed on a non-drill status before the holidays last December.

Lowe’s service, friendship, and dedication was remembered in remarks by members of her unit, a 21-gun salute by the 94th Airlift Wing Honor Guard, and the presentation of the burial flag to her mother, Mrs. Lettie McCray.



The 94th Airlift Wing Honor Guard performs a 21-gun salute with seven members firing three rounds in honor of Staff Sgt. Toinette Denise Lowe. (Photo by Senior Airman Michelle Stevenson)



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Mrs. Lettie McCray is presented the burial flag in memory her daughter, Staff Sgt. Toinette Denise Lowe. (Photo by Senior Airman Michelle Stevenson)

## Return to the old 94th shield? You decide!



### Current wing emblem

The “Minuteman” symbolizes the overall concept of an Air Force reservist and has special significant to this unit which is called “The Minuteman Wing.” As the Minuteman of Revolutionary Days was ready to defend his country when needed, so the Air Force reservist of today is prepared to defend the United States against any aggressor. The globe, sky, and cloud have been retained as a matter of tradition from the former emblem and indicate the Wing’s capability to carry troops to any location, whenever and wherever they may be needed. The emblem reflects the Air Force colors, ultramarine blue and golden yellow.



### Past wing emblem (approved April 6, 1956)

On a shield azure (Air Force blue), over a cloud formation argent (white), a chimerical creature, with the body of a panther, the head of a buffalo all sable, horns, talons, and eyes proper, and eagle’s wings of Air Force yellow, crouching over the top of a sphere of the last, lined or the third, the creature snorting fire proper.

Motto: cunning - rugged - courageous.

Significance: The “Panthalo” as the insignia would be known, is a combination of the insignia of the former 94th Reconnaissance Wing; the body of the panther, taken from the former insignia of the 331st

Squadron; the head of a buffalo from the former insignia of the 332d Squadron and the wings of an eagle taken from the former insignia of the 333d Squadron. The “panthealo” is also a combination of the three topics depicted in the insignia — “Panth” from panther, “ea” from eagle and “lo” from buffalo

The panther representing their cunningness, speed and flexibility of the modern tactical Air Force to strike anywhere in the world; the head of the buffalo representing ruggedness and being symbolic of the early American pioneers in their flight for freedom of America continued by today’s modern Air Force’s fight for the freedom of the world; the eagle symbolizing courage and stamina and is representative of the mobility of the modern technical Air Force. This emblem portrays the mission of this Wing as tactical unit — mobility, speed, courage, flexibility and ruggedness in its striking ability.

During the May UTA, come by the Public Affairs Office (Building 838, Room 2121) and cast your vote for either the current emblem or for reinstating the past emblem. Results of the vote will be published in an upcoming Minuteman.